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The Second Reformed Church

26 Union Street,

February 6, 1919

New Brunswick, N. J.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe :--

I would like to secure some sort of metal button, medal or fob which would be a suitable badge to present to returning soldiers on behalf of the congregation from which they went out to the war. My ideas are somewhat vague. I suppose the Coat of Arms of the Reformed Church could be used ; just what ~~wise~~ is not clear to me .

Have you any ideas ?

Whom would you recommend as likely to take up such a plan with interest and taste ?

Suppose we could secure a demand for at least 100. What would be the approximate cost-- that would of course depend on the nature of the badge. It should be as simple as possible and yet expressive of the two ideas of service to Christ and to the country .

I shall be very grateful for your counsel

Always cordially yours,

*John A. Dugham.*

February 13th, 1919.

Dr. John A. Ingham,  
26 Union Street,  
Fair Haven, N.J.

Dear Dr. Ingham:-

I have your letter of February 6th. Regarding the metal buttons such as you describe, may I point out that the cost lies in making by dies or patterns very largely. If you would require a greater number the expense would be proportionately much less. As you, however, want only a hundred pieces, the cost is bound to be high.

In addition to this, the coat of arms of the Dutch Reformed Church is a pretty complicated subject for a button. You will readily realize this from looking at the cut at the top of your letterhead. Furthermore it will not carry unless it is in enamel and the cost of an enamel button with these details would be prohibitive.

I would suggest your getting in touch with Whitehead & Hoag, at Newark, preferably by a call. They would be glad to show you what they have, and it might be that you would find something already in existence that would meet your need. If not, they would be able to make up for you whatever design you might select as economically as any one else. I wish I could have given you more satisfactory aid.

Yours very cordially,

Secretary.